however, not achieved some of the targets fixed in this regard in the Annual programme for the implementation of the official language policy.

(c) Yes, Sir. The concerned authorities have been directed to arrange for the inspection of the Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited, Calcutta.

Barter trade between India and China

1718. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into barter trade agreement with China;

(b) if so, what are the barter trade package; and

(c) by when this agreement is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Raising of capital by M/s. Reliance Petrochemicals Ltd.

1719. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted Reliance Petrochemicals Limited, a Subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited, to raise capital in the open market;

(b) whether Government have received complaints of non-refund of unsuccessful applicants; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to provide security of public money from being misused by public limited companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some complaints of non-refund of subscription by unsuccessful applicants have been received and the Bombay Stock Exchange have taken up the matter with the company.

(c) Section 73(3) of Companies Act, 1956 (as amended) provides the necessary protection.

Constitution (59th Amendment) Act, 1988

1720. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Constitution (59th Amendment) Act, 1988 is being scrapped; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Report on attacks on journalists

1721. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a Report compiled by a group of journalists of Bombay and released in January, 1989 showing an account of incident of attacks on and repression of journalists during 1988 in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information has been received recently that some journalists of Bombay have made a compilation of alleged attacks on journalists in various parts of the country during the year 1988.

'Police' being a State subject, it is for the complainant to lodge a report with the Police or make a complaint to the court of competent jurisdiction as the case may be. However, instructions have already been issued to the State Governments for prompt registration and investigation of cases relating to attacks on journalists.

Muslim Liberation Front in J & K

1722. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a newly-formed pro-Pak-Kashmir outfit called Muslim Liberation Front, had planned to launch an armed struggle for secession of Kashmir from India and merger into Pakistan; and

(b) whether Pakistan has been training young terrorists sent out by the Front in Pakistan and whether 30 trained Kashmiri youths are being held in Pakistan; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No such organisation has come to notice in Jammu & Kashmir for such subversive activities.

(b) The State Government have informed that some Kashmiri youth went across the border for receiving training in the handling and use of arms and ammunition and explosives and it appears that a few Kashmiri youth are still in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir area.

1723. [*Transferred to the 17th March, 1989*].

Purchase of machinery by the Indian Project Exporters in Middle East countries

1724. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large surplus quantity of machinery purchased by the Indian Project Exporters for use in our Projects are lying idle in Middle East countries, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps Government have taken to help/assist the Project Exporters to import these machinery; and

(c) whether any proposal or request has been received by Government from the Confederation of Engineering Industry in this regard and if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) Indian construction companies represented to Government through Overseas Construction Council of India that large quantity of surplus machinery is lying idle in Middle East and this cannot be imported due to high transportation cost and heavy import duty. The problem was considered by Government and it was decided to impose duty on a graded system. A fixed sliding scale now allows depreciation upto 70%. Subsequently Confederation of Engineering Industry has submitted another proposal in this regard. There has been no change in the fiscal and other facilities announced by the Government since June, 1988.

Industrial licencing

1725. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of large industrial houses have demanded withdrawal of industrial licansing for